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POETRY.



We insert the following lines, because they purport to be from the pen of a fair Mississippian, rather than from any peculiar merit of their own. By the way, there seems to be a little coterie of poetesses who make the Free Trader the vehicle of communication, to the public, of their productions. Is there no fair hand that will strike the Lyre for our columns?

From the Mississippi Free Trader. SONG OF THE SENTINEL. The moon is shining on the lake, The mist is on the lea; The breeze is playing in the brake, And murmuring o'er the sea.

The night-bird sings his mellow song, The grove is wrapt in sleep; The fisher's whistle, loud and long, Goes echoing o'er the deep.

Above-the brilliant vault of light Hangs forth the cheerful lamps; The witch of ill stalks through the night Amid her palace damps.

My comrades rest the weary head, Consigned t' oblivious sleep;
'Tis now the hour the sheeted dead Their lonely vigils keep.

O'er yonder distant sparkling wave, My happy kindred roam; While there in soft succession lave My own chill prison home.

But hark! amid she silence round What tales the breezes tell! I cry again, "All's well!" VICTORIN.

CONGRESS,

MR. WISE'S SPEECH.

In the House of Representatives, Dec. 12. Mr. Wise's motion for the reference to a Select Committee of that part of the President's Message which relates to the condi- were. tion of the Executive Departments and the manner in which they have been conducted, being under consideration.

Mr. Wise addressed the House as follows:

Mr. Chairman: In submitting the resochair, I deem it my duty to offer some reflections to the House and to the country.

Sir, this paper is the last annual message lover of his country.

Andrew Jackson have been? Who is he? the bidding of power? We are told that zeal I ever served a more composent masnct of its kind of his should have been.

spirit of resistance to oppression marked Congress, and has "corruption become the ment from the harassing cares of office, lution. After the times which tried men's President was the best judge of the solec- consciousness of being a public banefactor instrument of dominion. isalous patriotism; after varied and che- had been distinguished by their zeal, or of his own private sanctuary, and spend der a destiny adverse only so far that it was and by a tender regard to the nice frame of upon the scenes and events of a long life, full of dangers, in games not olympic, in civil policy instituted by Augustus," so had most actively spent in deeds big with the contests not heroic, we find him in the midst the virtue and even the good sense of pre- fate of a country he has defended, and of Republic.

ns mankind shall continue to bestow more of civil policy instituted by the fathers of mitted, to acknowledge and repent of them; liberal applause upon their destroyers than the Republic! Had "his youth," like that and in like manner to enjoy the blessings on their benefactors, the thirst for military of Severus, "been trained in the implicit of his administration, if of any blessings it glory will ever be the vice of the most ex bedience of camps, and his riper years spent has been fruitful. No, sir-my meaning is alted characters. A bold, energetic, and in the despotism of military command! not now to condemn the President, but to dauntless commander, he carried conquest, could not his haughty and inflexible spirit defend the people. This is the object of party" accuse and condemn. in spite of all dangers and difficulties, discover, or would be not acknowledge the the questions I have put. into the very wilderness of the savage advantage of preserving an intermediate I do not mean to accuse the President of the daring, but successful and justified in- Emperor and the army?" As in the reign which I have asked-Is he guilty? Nor vader of a neutral territory, and finally of Severus was "the Senate filled with pol- do I admit, if he is guilty of them, that the the the arbiter of martial law, the judge adwho justified personal flattery by speculathe fact, that the party who claim to hold the public money, has deranged the carrento it the official sign-manual of Andrew
to the fact, that the party who claim to hold on his power of and endangered every man's estate, has them. Those who saw the face and the Jackson! the civil authority, and where he acquired curred in the ching that the imperial authority and where he acquired curred in the ching that the imperial authority and where he acquired curred in the ching that the imperial authority and which the title of Hero. And there was created, ity was held not by the delegated commission to the complete the commission of the complete the commission of the complete that the people have sanctioned all these quoring and which the complete the commission of the commi I will not say "a dear bought debt of grati- sion, but by the irrevocable resignation of ject may be in admitting these encroach- ed all this exercise of absolute power, I ask talking; too much bustle and excitement for public service, by his audacious lorged selftude" from his country.

by whom the patronage was to be custuled on east rooms, and gravel walks, and all dered himself useful to his master's pasto harmlessness, and in whom "the line of the regulin of a palace in fact, for a repub- sions, and rapidly ascended to the most exsafe precedents" was to be broken and des- lican officer in form? We are told that the latted station, which a subject could enjoy. troyed. He was swept and rushed along President's Court should be as splendid as His influence over the mind of Commodus on the roaring tide of an overwhelming pop- any King's, and that the people have sanc- was much greater than that of his predeularity high up into office on the second tioned royalty! Has the patronage of the cessor. Avarice was the reigning passion flood, and that popularity has never desert- Federal Government been tremendously of his soul, and the great principle of his ed him-no fickleness in it, it has never re-increased, and exerted in conflict with the administration. The rank of consul, of patired for a moment: notwithstanding strong freedom of elections? We are told that the trician, of senator, was exposed to public winds which have blown from every point President should be perpetuated, and that sale. In the lucrative provincial employ- self. of the compass, and opposing currents in the people have sanctioned the interference every direction, it has continued to svell of office holders with the elective franchise! nor in the spoils of the people. The exact and swell, until it has become a flood—I Has the currency of the country been uniwill not say which threatens the dry land. versally deranged, and is there danger of a ry." He came into power professing and pro- universal crush in trade and finance? We

fections of the sovereign people. Has he dictation! ful public servants out of their employment stronger invective against a Chief Magis. finding disaffection and treason in the Seand snatched from the mouths of their funi- trate than truth and patriotism required .- uate." of Andrew Jackson. The contemplation lies their bread? We are told the President He of whom I speak is, I deeply regret, of him, and solemnly mournful to the honest sanctioned proscription. Has favoritism the last, I fear, from what I am told, of his maxim, that "to the victors belong the and circumstance of state and station into on, might be ascribed the President's past told that they carried him about like a liou and repeatedly refused. "The party la had passed away; after the blessings tion of high functionaries, and that the pen-such as was illustrated in the examples ple have sanctioned "the order of the day!" of a Washington and a Madison. My prayand reverence for the American Senate, roes." May be long live to witness the snoemitate memberorum!" He was ambitious of fame; and as long and by a tender regard for the nice frame effects of his errors, if errors he has com-

vil honors were showered and thickened pointing members to office? and independent States of America; for in the bands of a traitor and a perjured vielded already what the party claim, they then these States were united, sovereign knave? We are told that the monster bank would have yielded all for which their facompetitors—but he was the people's can-sword." Has he assumed to himself judi-ry graves to reproach their debased degenpowers that were-against their intrigues, for the laws and the constitution according and all posterity. claiming the most severe, ay, stoical dem- are told that the President's golden experi- those of Commodus, tempted as they were ocratic principles; the people confided in ment must be fully tested to our hearts' by the public money in deposite, and by him, were bound to him closer, and have content, and that the people have sanction- the vast public domain of this Nation, uttermost. Unfortunately for him, when heads! Has the "fine theory of a Repub- ty, Jackson was doped, and the public de- Washington to his countrymen! he was crowned with the reward of his lic insensibly vanished, and made way for posites were removed within reach of Remilitary service and inducted into office, he the more natural and substantial feelings of rennis and Cleander? Again, sir, an incinot only found "competitors to be removed, a monarchy?" We are told that the President in the history of the same Emperor, his country, that it was any thing but what than a topic with swhich to prejudice the es to be punished," but he was beset dent may be a King by the will of the peo by friends from whom he should have ple, and that the people have already con- own President, accounts for his hostility to men will pardon me I mean nothing disprayed to be saved. I will not say he was sented to the change! Has the President the Roman Senate. "One evening, as the respectful to the President—when I say gence and patriotism of the successor, whom lacking in these magnanimous qualification the restraint of civil laws, Emperor was returning to the palace thro' they know it is due to candor and truth to Executive patronage and dictation have tions of a truly great man, which alone can be command by his arbitrary will the a dark and narrow portico, in the amphicould rid him and guard him from these lives and fortunes of his subjects, and," fi- theatre, an assassin, who waited this pas- message at all of Andrew Jackson! They economy-us demagognism -its arts of vile misfortunes-for man, poor and feeble man, nally, "has be disposed of the empire as of sage, rushed upon him with a drawn sword, know that, immediately upon the adjourn deception and humbuggery-its ranking is weak under the most ordinary tempta- private patrimony," by nominating and loadly exclaiming, "The Senate sends you ment of the last session of Congsess, the venom of party spirit--its miserable thet-

THE SOUTHERN TELEGRAPH his warlike occupations, were gone, but er- ed by corrupt bribes and the power of ap- with approving and sanctioning prescrip- been in too much constancy and confidence? he at length became disgusted himself,

Is it astonishing that, with ministers like one in the history of our very similar to th presides in a palace—but misfortunes they the President was entitled to his right of been formed not in the Senate, but within ed fr. m their duties at the seat of Government sentiment its total want of all sage election as well other men, and that the the walls of the palace. But "the words of ment, and from the cares of public business, counsel or advice, and of all paties and So it was, he was buoyed up in the af- people have sanctioned and submitted to his the assassin sunk deep into the mind of on their respective missions to the States feeling—are all equalled only by its false done wrong? He was popular. Has he Sir, let meanot be misunderstood. Let sion of fear and hatred against the whole to Georgia, and "the Old Chief himself" dition of all the various Executive Departdone worse than wrong? He was popular no one infer that I am indulging in any ty- body of the Senate. The Delators, a was lugged along through Western Virgin- ment's" to "the ability and investment, with and he was the President who could do no rade against the President, or that I am race of men discouraged, and almost ex- in, over wrong, and in whom hopularity was joined venting any spleen whatever. No, sir- tinguished under the former reigns, egain Intion of reference which I have sent to the with power and patronage. Has ruthless no. Far be it from me now, now, when it became formidable as soon as they discovproscription for opinion's sake turned faith- is too late, if ever it was right to include in cred that the Emperor was desirous of

Sir, we all know that in the snapping of sir, that more of the People had not wit-

quered the conquerors of Napoleon-where lawyers of his reign, whom I will not call after him, and claim-and tell us that the controlled elections, has assumed royal pre- frauds did heed them, sir-did heed them. he professed and practised submission to Papinians or Paulusses, or Ulpians, "con- people have yielded every thing worth pre- rogatives, made himself a King and a King the Senate? and that the Emperor might ments, and in claiming that the people have gendemen of all parties, those even who a weak and infirm old man to bear. But acquittal? "Hall, second Saviour!" was shouted the stroy vested rights and the incorporations sunctioned and approved them, I know not, claim to be the exclusive account of the still, they showed him about in the heat of list true or false that the various Exercise the still they made him roor, until cutive Departments have been conducted.

King's conscience, if this does not prove summer, and still they made him roor, until cutive Departments have been conducted.

consideration thereof, and of his just appel- pensible will? We are told that the Presi- as all candid minds will bear me witness; reward enough for all his services and successful as all candid minds will bear me witness; reward enough for all his services and successful for severy captive reference alone is concerned in I have given him credit for severy captive references, however great? Admitting the debt Kitchen Cabinet, that it is what it is strongest in the plurality of votes. He was their execution, and that the people have defeated—defeated—defeated—defeated here in this hall, in the sanctioned in him the power of Imperial time I do not mean to so f he has not com- so great, I ask if the debt has not been more last annual message which Andrew Jack-House of Representatives, by men such as Magistrate, As Imperial Magistrate has mitted many grievous errors. For many of than paid? Whether the President does son even ever wrote-I had like to have we are and what we, the representatives he "assumed the conduct and style of a them I can well account, though I cannot not now owe more than he can ever pay to said, ever sent to both Houses of Congress. of the people are, I will not name-by sovereign and conqueror, and exercised pardon. We are tought in history that a generous people, who have confidingly to Its vanity and eg sism-its profune hypormeans I will not describe. It is sufficient without disguise, the whole legislative as "suspicious princes often promote the last of a criminal degree, entrusted him with their risk, and solomn mockery of the good man's to say, that the manner of his defeat was not well as executive power?" We are told mankind from vain persuasion, that these and their rights, their liber supplications to the Suprema Ruler of the only enough to ensure his subsequent tri- that the President is the "Government," and have no dependence except on their favor, ties, their sovereign power? Sir, what can Universe—its suphistical nonsense, showumph, but to rivet him immoveably, right or that the people have sanctioned the preten-wrong, in the affections of his countrymen sions that all offices and their powers are benefactor." The one as service and am-pay to a people in consideration of what all offices and their powers are forever. He became the champion of pop- his! Have the expenditures of his admin- bitious minister, who had obtained his post the treasures of earth and all the blood of its low, ad captand an arguments, addressed ular rights and the elective franchise, against istration increased and grown enormously by the murder of his predecessor, but who their children may not buy? Nothing! No to all the prejudices of ignorance and pasoffice-holders and office-seekers-the favo- beyond all example, to 38 millions from 15 possessed a considerable share of vigor and thing! Yes, yes, there is one boon, one salsion, to justify the most shameless attacks rite pet of the people, who was to scourge millions, without a cent of public debt to be ability;" the other "was a Phrygan by birth, cred legacy, of in stimable value, which in upon the currency for the vile purposes of bribery and corruption, whose name was to paid? We are told that the President is the of a nation over whose stubborn, but ser- parting from them and the world be might licensed depredators on the public lands be a terror to all evil doers, whose policy best judge of the wants of the country, and vile temper, blows only could prevail. He have left them. He might have left them its falsehoods as to the most important facts was to be retrenchment and reform, by that the people have sanctioned wasteful and bad been sent from his native country the legacy of a patriot's advice. He might of trade, currency, banks of deposite, and whom the independence of Congress, of profligate extravagance. Have thousands to Rome in the capacity of a slave. As a have left them the truth, and solemnly im- finance—its electioneering, continually Executive patronage, was to be maintained, and hundreds of thousands been expended slave he entered the imperial palace, ren-printed it upon their minds and memories harping upon an institution dead in fact, and forever, that "they had entrusted him too thrice wounded since dead-its oft-repeated much," and his advice to them, "never, ne- homily against one good bank, and its unver in their history, to trust another man as blushing recommendation, in the same they had trusted him," and he might have breath, of nearly half one hundred bad and returned to their trust, and restored irresponsible banks-its disingenous atthem to their senses. This, and this only, tempts to reconcile glaring inconsistencies would have repaid them. It would have of the President on the deposite and distrirestored to them, what has been taken from bution measures-its pitiful apolgies for the them, which alone can compensate for it. disgrace of our arms by Oceola-its bold

such a people, should have been the "fare- sure, due to the errors and blunders of the well" of a father to his children. It should administration itself, upon the shoulders of calm in its ibne and temper of reason, ele- errors which it says are not those of this quent in its appeals, sui lime in its moral, Government-its false claim of a national and passionate only in us fervent affection. policy, founded in humanity towards the never wavered yet in their confidence—I ed the "inverted pyramid" of local bank pawill not say, though he has tried it to the

ed the "inverted pyramid" of local bank pawill not say, though he has tried it to the

per rags, which threatens to ofter over our
unbounded extent and inexhaustible fertileto his successors, the "farewell" address of mendation of an amendment of the Consti-

it is. And why is it what it is? Gende-Commodus, and left an indelible impress of this Union He of State bore despatches certificate in chief to "the prosperous con-

" And bridges

" Made of plan'ts " In open ranke"

to Tennessee and Alabama. It is a pity,

echeed from every hill and valley; his the aristocratic Senate had dared to offend most "unsafe precedents!" The fact is name was emblazoned high on the relised to apprehend he was a lion come to devour imperishably military fame, and peace was quick to hallow his victory. With peace, pendence of Congress been totally desiroy-

tion, corruption, arbitrary power, the des- If what they say be true, and it is a main chagrined, and mortified. He returned to around him. From the camp he rose to a Werare told that the representatives of the truction of the checks and balances of the argument with them, "that the voice of the Washington through Ohio, and by the seat in the Senate chamber—for then the people are selected to do the will the Pre- government, profligate extravagance in its people is the voice of God;" that whatever Guyandotte route, thre' Virginia again, and Senate chamber was higher than the camp. sident, and that the people have sanctioned administration, Executive dictation, royalty Jackson has done they have sanctioned; has been sick and disabled over since. He bore, or seemed to hear his honors pathe creed that there can be no treason in itself, and a caucus succession in an election of the country to long as there is fidelity to the be done, it seemed, was not enough for him the party." Has the President "assumed that I now deny the fact that the People dictated, and they obeyed; is this not proof in the estimation of a generous people. He the responsibility,? seized the custody and have sanctioned or approved of any such positive that their affections and their voice homorroage at the lungs which has been was nominated for the first place on earth the control of the public money in defiance unpardonable sins against them or their on- have ever sustained, have ever animated, nominated out the current of his life. At no the Presidency of these united, sovereign of all law and precedent, and placed them by bulwarks of safety. If this people have have ever justified and moment since his return has he been able excused him? Such unexampled confi- to write or dictate a message. There he dence, such unexampled constancy, such has been lying as it were a sead if m, who and independent. Civilians and statesmen was his enemy, and that the people have there fought: and those fathers would rise, onexampled attachment and affection, were could not even "shake the dew drops from of proudest names and stations, were his sanctioned "the union of the purse and the lifthe mighty dead could rise, from their ve- never witnessed before in any people to- his name," and his couch of infirmity has wards any rolder; and I put it to the candor been baunted by the Perennises and Cleandidate against men in office-against the cial powers, and the prerogative to administrate and good sease of all men to say whether dees of his palace as by Vampires. In their what the people have yielded to their favor hands has be fallen, and it is because this their patromage, and their concuses; and in to his own interpretation, and his own irresreward enough for all his services and sac-country recking with the fumes of the

recommendation of an increase of the stand-The last message of such a President to ing army-its unjust attempt treast cenhave been deep in wisdom, predound in phis an innocent State officer, and then calling losophy, hallowed in its lessons of virtue, for an appropriation to repair these same Washington to his countrymen! tution as othe election of President, which But this is the last annual message of was never count to be carried into effect tions, and his virtue must be strong who electing his successor? We are told that this!" The conspiracy was proved to have President and Prime Ministers were dispers- oric, sinking below criticism-its grovelling

the objects of their creation !" Now, sir, complaints have been loudly mode from various quarters, by this House, of it is deeply affecting to the sincere lover ordered the removals, and the people have now lying on the couch of human suffering, a percussion cap, the President heard distimely the words-"The Senate sends you for then, perhaps, more of the States would to the condition of most of the Executive filled the vacancies which prescription has sufferings in this world of serrow. I too this!" That don't detestable race of men have full wed the example of Georgia and Departments, and as to the want of ability What should the last annual message of made with the servile tools of part, and bave served him with more than half the called Delators were ready to swear that Tennessee, neither of which could be see and integrity with which they have been the conspiracy was formed in the Senate; duced or intimidated into the support conducted; and investigations by us of the what has he been? The answer to this the President has need of his own friends, ter. He will, if he lives, soon retire from and, if there was not a better reason, per. of "the mon"—I Tennessee toust said, truth or takehood, justice or onjustice, of question ought to determine what this last and that the people have sanctioned the the palace of power and resign all the pomp haps to the madman now confined in pris-A man of humble, but respectable origin, spoils!" Have the highest and richest of other hands, which are to reign after him. hostility to the Senate. "By declaring for a show, and made him rour like a lion, were content with the mere afternation by he was born in the times of his country's fices, worth more than half a million, been God grant, sir, that his retirement may be themselves the protectors of the people, Matravail for independence. His precocious bestowed as rewards upon members of that peaceful and calm and blessed retire- rius and Cazar, our modern Cleanders, the negotiations of the mission were con- and purity, when he know no many about learned that an "humble and disarmed" Se. ducted by preconcerted questions and an their guilt than he knew of the fuels of a his infant body with the scars of the Revo- order of the day?" We are told that the which belongs to wisdom, virtue and the highway or in the bar-rooms, no matter which you and I, McChurman, know all, In a certain event, if the election of Pre- which-and some "village politicism" of and more than we wanted to know; about sident had fallen on this house, an "humble "the party" would inquire-"What think which, if the Tennessee papers are to be ents of the institutions of our fathers, the As "till the reign of Severus, the virtue er forvently is, that he may yet live long and disarmed" Senate might have been you, General, of such a man?" In a loud believed, the President has given another fruits of peace, and virtue, and wisdom, and and even the good sense of the Emperors at his beloved Hermitage, in the holy ratreat found—a "tractible and useful instrument" benc, much too stentorion for those burgs cartific te, though he was more than a mile indeed, to elect an Elegisalus, under whom which are lacerated, the answer rung- oil, and there were at least seven that ansof quered scenes of private and public life, unaffected reverence for the Roman Senate, the decline of his days in s lean reflections another Hierordes might have enjoyed the "He is a traitor, sir." "There, there!" rebricks and mortar and stone between him honor of being "Empress, hisband," and peated the demagones to the crowd-"Jid and the place of the occurrence. They under whom "a dancer might have been you not hear that? "What think you of have made him a witness in both cases" prafect of the city, a character prafect of another, General!" "He is a liar sir!" where it was impossible for him to be a of his country's second troubles, a citizen ceding Presidents, till the reign of Andrew its institutions "hallowed by the wisdom of the watch, a barber passion of the watch, a barber pas soldier, a Major General of the Army of the Jackson, been distinguished by their zeal sages, and consecrated by the blood of hea speech for which he said a sine stenog-aph- tion for his facts." I cared nothing about Sir, I might enumerate numberless such er five dollars!" And another was "Of the cartificates of the President so long as excuses for numberless such errors of the no account no account, sir, and ought to they abided in the ephonecal form of heat-President, or rather of the President's min- be sent home to have his place supplied ed partis in declarations along the public isters. But enough has been said, and I by a more efficient man;" and another was mean not to condemn or accuse him, I repeat, but to defend the people whom "the "But, General, what think you of-Mr (the But, sir, this "certificate, in chief" is so party" accuse and condemn.

If it be true, as we are told, and I do not say it is not true, that the President has tribes of the Southern frontier; was power, however imaginary, between the all these enermities against civil liberty, of made and unmade men in office, has proscribed the Lithful, has corrupted the pure, are all hars who accuse him of aught wrong. Best !! Perennis and Clounder have certihas humbled and disarmed the Senate, has and the official documents prove them to be fied to their own good behavior, innocence filled the measure of his country's glory" ished and elequent slaves from the eastin defence of Orleans, where he assumed to ern (and I may add southern) provinces: I have enumerated. But sir, I merely state and dependent, has seized and squandered repeated by the descons of the service, the "last and all message," and have silixed

which they have been conducted, and to the

fact of the President's belief "that there is

no just cause of complaint from any quarter,

at the manner in which they have fulfilled

Is this cortificate true? I put it to gen-My friend (Mr P.) told them that they demen if it be true whether linjustice has